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CHIEF-JUSTICE AXTELL, OF NEW MEXICO.

An Epitome of Articles of Impeachment Before the Judiciary Committee of the House.

Special to the N. Y. World.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Articles of impeachment against Chief-Justice Axtell, of New Mexico, were formally presented to the house judiciary committee this morning and Messrs. Seney, of Ohio; Broadhead, of Missouri; Maybury, of Michigan; McCoid, of Iowa, and Disbee, of Florida, a special subcommittee appointed for the purpose, gave those who presented them a hearing. A review of what is proposed to prove made by Mr. Coleman, who was Matt. Carpenter's partner in former years, and who more recently prosecuted in the investigation of Minister Seward in China, and appeared for Mr. Murch in the Hill investigation last summer. R. W. Webb, an editor, from Golden, N. M., was also heard in substantiation of the numerous charges. From their stories it appears that Axtell is a very peculiar kind of judge.

The articles, stripped of their legal phraseology, recite: That Axtell is incompetent to discharge the duties of his office properly on account of his ignorance and corruption, and under this head are numerous specifications. The judge, it is alleged, always ignored all rules of evidence in hearing witnesses. He permitted them to tell what they pleased, regardless of objection. In a divorce case between Dr. J. H. Shout and wife the judge gave a decree in favor of the wife, and then when application was made subsequently for alimony refused, saying: "No, you will not get any alimony in this case. I have made inquiries and I know all about it, and I have been told she attempted to poison her husband. No, you don't get any alimony in this case."

In the case of Collins vs. O. O. Robbins, the latter a merchant, the judge appointed Collins receiver, which is claimed to have been in defiance of law, without requiring him to give bonds. Collins went on carrying on the business, collecting debts, &c. When protest was made by Robbins, through his counsel, Axtell, sitting on the bench, said: "Collins is a poor man, and I know that Robbins owes him, and I intend to make him pay." Not a line of evidence in the case had, however, been heard.

The second article recites that Axtell made the following threat to the members of the bar while he sat as judge: "The court wants the attention of the members of the bar, and I will give them to understand that they may talk about me and my decisions as much as they choose, but I can do them more harm than they can me; and I will do so if they do not stop talking about me and my decisions."

Article 3 gives details as to where the judge is claimed to have practically disbarred certain attorneys by refusing to hear them make arguments, on the ground of personal dislike. It charged that certain litigants were warned by the judge not to employ certain lawyers if they expected anything from him.

Article 5 gives the particulars of his refusing to issue a writ of habeas corpus upon the lawful petition of seven citizens of the United States, who were confined in the Santa Fe jail without knowing for what reason they were imprisoned.

Article 6 charges that Axtell unlawfully imprisoned five reputable citizens in the common jail of Santa Fe for thirty-four days.

Article 7 charges a second refusal to issue a writ of habeas corpus, as the law required him to do, in the interests of five citizens.

Article 8 shows that the judge collected the fees from the petitioners in the interests of his son-in-law, the clerk of the court, and when reminded that the collections were at variance with the statutes, said: "In that case I have concluded to vary the statute."

Article 9 recites gross abuses of the office by the partisan designation of improper persons to execute the orders of the court, the issuing of warrants for the purpose of heaping up illegal fees, &c.

Article 10 charges that the judge entered into a conspiracy with the sheriff to accept fraudulent vouchers for money illegally expended in the designation of improper persons to do the work of the court.

Article 11 charges that, to gratify personal spite, he persecuted certain local officials with the process of the court. This was carried to the extent of returning the results of the election in the First Judicial District. He also used his influence with the grand jury to have certain officials indicted, although no case was afterwards proved against them.

Article 12 charges a special instance of the destruction of the private business of a Santa Fe merchant by the

unlawful appointment of a receiver.

Article 13 recites the arbitrary disbarment, for malicious reasons, of three attorneys of good standing.

Article 14 recites the most important charge of all. The Maxwell Land Grant company lays claim to a large tract of land in New Mexico. It is charged, in a suit now pending, that the company's title is not good, upon the ground of fraud, yet in advance of a decision Axtell said to Webb that he believed the title of the company was good, and this knowing that the case must ultimately come before him.

The case against Axtell receives its special importance from the fact that these complaints have been made to the department without securing any attention. It will probably be shown that Axtell represented speculative interests in Washington. While no direct charge is made against the attorney general, the whole case will have a tendency to bring him to the front.

BIRD OF EVIL OMEN.

The Belled Buzzard of Western Georgia.

The belled buzzard, whose flight over western counties of Georgia has aroused so much superstitious fear among ignorant whites and blacks, passed over a field at Taylorsville where four men were plowing. One of them, a negro, quit work at once, and said that the bird was a warning to the people of another cyclone, in which hundreds of people would be killed.

The story of this celebrated bird is an interesting one. Nearly two years ago it was a pet in the farm yard of a farmer named Freeman, in Paulding county. One of his children one day attached a sheep bell to the bird's foot, and the tinkling sound so scared it that it immediately flew away. The first night it alighted on the roof of a negro cabin in Heard county. One of the inmates went out to ascertain the cause of the bell-ringing, and immediately the buzzard rose from its perch and flew away. The night was clear and cold, and as the inmates rushed out and beheld the great black object, and heard the tinkling of the bell hundreds of feet up in the air, great fear seized them, and they all took to their knees under the impression that the end of the world was approaching. Ever since the bird has pursued its migrations through the state, arousing the fears of the superstitious, who regard its visit as an omen of evil. The negroes, and many whites, too, along the track of the late storm insist that they heard the fearful bell about an hour before the terrible wrath of wind had come upon them. In 1817 a buzzard was similarly belled in Putnam county, and up until 1850, when his presence was last reported in Greene county, he was vouched for as having visited points as far as West Meriden, Miss., and in several northern counties of Tennessee.—Globe-Democrat.

All the railroads of this country have been built within the lifetime of a man 60 years of age. The "Calendar of American History" informs us that the first railroad was built in 1826 from the granite quarries of Quincy, Mass., to the Neponset river. It was two miles in length and run by horse-power. The first locomotive used in the United States was one brought from England in 1828, and the first of American make was the Tom Thumb, constructed by Peter Cooper two years later, and placed on the Baltimore and Ohio Road, the first passenger line. The first engine averaged about fourteen miles an hour, and "many people predicted in America as they had in England, that it would never be able to move its own weight, but that the wheels would spin round and round upon the rails. Others thought it would destroy the value of farming lands by frightening all the animals, and would stop the raising of sheep, because their wool would be blackened by the smoke."

In 1830 there were 23 miles of railway in the United States, and in 1833, 117,717 miles.

The curious traveling stones of Australia are paralleled in Nevada. They are described as almost perfectly round, about as large as a walnut and of an ivory nature. When distributed about upon the floor, table or level surface, within two or three feet of each other, they immediately begin traveling toward a common center, and there lie huddled up in a bunch like a lot of eggs in a nest. A single stone, removed to a distance of three and a half feet, upon being released, returns to the heap, but if taken away four or five feet, remains motionless. They are composed of magnetic iron ore.

The mantle of charity that is thrown over the poor is very thin. It scarcely keeps out the cold.

Resolve not to be poor. Whatever you have, spend less. Poverty is a great enemy to human happiness. It certainly destroys liberty, and it makes some virtues impracticable and others extremely difficult.—Dr. Johnson.

A Florida Grace Darling and how she Rowed Bravely Over the Billows.

(From the Florida Union.)

As the United States mail boat was en route from Port Orange to Titusville on the 24th ult. she encountered a severe gale when near Capt. J. F. McCarthy's, on Mosquito lagoon, the wind blowing in gusts from the south in such rapidity that it was evident that the little craft could not long weather the now heavy seas, as for a moment she would be seen bounding over them, and then almost lost to view in their depths. Although manned by a good sailor, she careened and was at once lost to view. The youngest daughter of Capt. McCarthy, Mrs. M. A. Smith, witnessing the imminent peril in which the owner of the boat was placed, at once jumped into a small skiff which was anchored at her father's dock, and set out to the rescue of the mail and boatman, who was in danger every moment of losing his life, and the many valuable packages probably contained in the mail.

She rowed one and a half miles, during the now high rolling waves, and brought safely to the shore the ever grateful mail-carrier and two others who were aboard the craft.

TATTOOED BY NATURE.

(From the Inter Ocean.)

A short time since, Laura Lavarnie, known to the world as the "tattooed woman," gave birth, in Baltimore, Md., to a fifteen pound baby boy. The remarkable thing about the child was that it bore the same marks, or tattooed figures, on its skin as the mother. The strangest part is that these marks are identically the same as the mother's, both as to position and color. The tattooing of the mother is in blue and red India ink, and the marks on the baby are the same color, representing, snakes, animals, flowers, and figures, all over the body except the face. The father, Adolph Morath, has been running a small museum in small towns in Maryland and the west. He told your correspondent that his wife had been tattooed within the past nine months. He has traveled from place to place, and secured men at each to do the job. It thus required several weeks to complete the decoration, and his wife was in a delicate condition when it was finished. He had applied to the husband of Dora Hildebrand, the original tattooed woman, to do the job, but he had refused to create a rival to his wife. The Morath family only arrived in Baltimore on Monday last, Mrs. Morath having retired from exhibition a few weeks ago. Dr. A. Trego Shertzer, a well-known physician of Baltimore, attended the mother and pronounces the case the strangest in his experience. It has created great interest among the medical profession there. The Baltimore Dime Museum has secured the mother and child for exhibition, and both are doing well.

CASTING OUT A DEVIL.

(From the Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette.)

While the Australian boomerang throwers were in this city recently, one of their number, named Telgorah, was taken violently ill. Physicians were called, but they gave no hope for the boy's recovery. Before they could do anything toward his restoration, he to all appearances breathed his last. The physicians took their departure and immediately after Warehinsbin, or Billy, as he is called, the medicine man of the tribe, took possession of the seeming corpse. Billy, although not a graduate of medicine, is looked upon